

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

**Cathaoirleach Pat Vance
Councillor Joe Behan
Councillor Oliver O'Brien
Councillor Christopher Fox
Councillor Dermot O'Brien
Councillor Steven Matthews
Councillor Brendan Thornhill**

Also present:

**Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Services
Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer
Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer**

Apologies:

**Councillor John Ryan,
Mr. David Forde, District Administrator**

The Members passed a vote of sympathy for Martin Murphy who recently passed away.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting dated 8th January 2019

Councillor Fox proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 8th January 2019, Councillor Matthews seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

2. To adopt the Public Realm Expenditure for 2019

BUDGET - €240,000

PROJECT:-	BUDGET:-
<p><u>Public Lighting</u></p> <p>Provision of public lighting in black spot areas – the following locations to be considered:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Albert Ave: Additional lighting on east side of Albert Avenue between Railway Bridge and seafront.2. Harbour area in front of the Boat pen.3. Junction of Seapoint road and Harbour access road.4. North and south piers of the Harbour.	<p>€85,000</p>

<p>5. Bray Seafront car parking in front of Box Burger.</p> <p>6. Fontenoy Terrace to Fiddlers Bridge and Raheen car park.</p> <p>7. Duncairn Terrace on Quinsborough road.</p> <p>8. Castle street bus stop area.</p> <p>9. Killarney road in front of Richmond way.</p> <p>10. Oldcourt front green adjacent to the Boghall road.</p> <p>11. Vevay road area in front of shops.</p> <p>12. Along path in the Peoples park.</p> <p>13. Pinewood Close connection to Belmont walkway.</p> <p>14. Cois Sleibhe to Swimming pool Ballywaltrim walkway.</p> <p>15. Ashfield Court to Wurzburg road walkway.</p> <p>16. Path from Swimming pool to Ard Na Greine east side of Ballywaltrim playing fields.</p> <p>17. Lovers lane between Sidmonton to Meath road.</p> <p>18. South side of the Boghall road. Aldi to Deerpark road.</p> <p>19. Victoria Avenue.</p> <p>20. Convent Avenue.</p>	
<p>5 Year Tree Replacement Programme & Estate Tree Planting</p> <p>Planned replacement of the street trees within the town centre area on the following roads - Novara, Wyndham Park, Florence Rd, Adelaide Rd & Galtrim Rd. Works will be phased over a period of 4 -5 years and take place in the Autumn-Winter. (€20,000).</p> <p>Planned replacement of dead & excessively large trees within the Towns estates (€10,000).</p>	€30,000
<p>Refurbishment of Seafront Shelters</p> <p>To overhaul and refurbish the seafront shelters such that they can be reopened to the public.</p>	€85,000
<p>CCTV Ballywaltrim Playground</p> <p>Provision of an additional CCTV camera to Ballywaltrim playground.</p>	€10,000

Roundabouts	€30,000
The landscaping of the roundabouts at the entrance to the town is dated & needs to be refreshed. In order to exploit the prominent location to best effect, and create a strong positive impression of the town, a planting scheme has been developed that is colourful and visually striking.. Existing mature trees will be retained where possible & incorporated into the design. The overall cost of these works is estimated to be €60,000, €30,000 of which was provided in the Programme of Expenditure on Capital Works which was agreed in 2018 by the members.	
Total:	€240,000

The above Public Realm Expenditure report 2019 was presented to the Members for their consideration. The report contained a number of proposed projects to be carried out in the town in 2019.

The Members agreed to accept the report on the provision that the five year tree replacement programme and estate tree planting be excluded until District Engineer, Liam Bourke revert back to the Members with a detailed report on the proposal. Also the Members asked that a number of extra locations be included in the plan public lighting. These included the following areas.

- Sidmonton Road
- Herbert Road – close to Ardmore nursing home
- Dargle Glen Road
- Junction at Seacrest Housing estate

3. To consider report in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended; Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 as amended: Proposed Seafront Pavilion Scheme, Strand Road

A report was presented to the Members in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended; Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations, Re: Proposed Seafront Pavilion Scheme, Strand Road.

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposed development. Some Members raised their concerns regarding safety issues that may arise for pedestrians if the development goes ahead.

Some Members felt the proposed development would be an addition to the town and pointed out the many benefits that it would bring to the area. They also felt it was a huge opportunity to avail of much needed funding for the town as the National Roads Authority will fund 70% of the project.

Councillor Matthews proposed that the Seafront pavilion scheme on the Strand Road be accepted, the proposal is to include the District Engineers amendments as per report. Councillor Dermot O'Brien seconded the proposal and a vote took place.

The result of the vote was as follows.

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Councillor Joe Behan</i>		√
<i>Councillor Christopher Fox</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Steven Matthews</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Oliver O'Brien</i>		√
<i>Councillor Dermot O'Brien</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Brendan Thornhill</i>		√
<i>Councillor Pat Vance</i>	√	
Total	4	3

The motion was passed by a margin of four in favour and three against.

4. To Receive the Housing Report

Kilbride Lane

MDY recommenced on the Kilbride Lane site before Christmas and as requested have made work on the boundary walls a priority item. Following initial remobilisation works, a new groundwork's contractor has been appointed commencing on site the week beginning 21st January. Recommended work on the foundations to the 42 units should be apparent over the next couple of weeks.

87A O'Byrne Rd

This property has now been allocated.

Kilmantan Place

The contractor, Burns Construction Limited, appointed to the Kilmantan Place 4 unit development informed WCC on 10th January that they were not in a position to continue the construction works at this site. WCC have since issued a termination notice to the contractor and are currently in the process of retendering the works

Oldcourt Energy Efficiency Works

Works are ongoing in the final tranche of dwellings.

Faile Park

Replacement of windows and doors within this estate has commenced and is on schedule, works to be completed by the beginning of March.

Members comments and queries

The Members expressed their disappointment that works have stopped at the Kilmantan place development and they hoped that works could recommence there as soon as possible.

The Members asked for an update on the refurbishment of houses in Oldcourt. Administrative Officer Ms. Triona Irving advised that eight houses in Oldcourt would be ready for re-allocation by early March.

The Members enquired about the Wicklow County Council cold weather initiative scheme which was recently announced. They were advised by Triona Irving that this scheme is being handled directly by Wicklow County Council.

The Members highlighted the ongoing issue in the District whereby private Landlords are serving “notice to quit” to tenants. The Members felt that the number of cases where this is happening is increasing at a rapid rate. The Members felt that one of the main contributory factors to this problem is that families are being forced off direct rent allowance payments and on to the HAP scheme. The Members asked if a letter could be written to Department of Housing and the Department of Social Protection to highlight the problems this is causing for families.

5. To Receive a Report on Roads and Transport

A new three year roads programme for road restoration improvement work has been submitted to the Department. The works planned for 2019 are set out in the table below.

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Type	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)
R117	Enniskerry Village	RI	1230	€ 55,000
L-1011-0	Glencree Road	RI	15100	€ 320,800
L-19597	Glenlucan	RI	800	€ 17,000
L-19592	Churchlands	RI	620	€ 17,000
L5029	Quill Road	RI	2650	€ 50,000
	Bray Road,	RI		
R117	Enniskerry		2800	€ 120,000
	Military Road,	RM		
R115	Fetherbeds		16000	€43,000
	Glencree Road-	RM		
L-1011	Oldboleys		10000	€27,800
L-1013	Waterfall Road-Aurora	RM	9000	€24,215

The programme is based on the same grant restoration Improvement grant (RI) allocation of €579,800 and restoration maintenance grant (RM) of €95,015 as received in 2018. Minor reviews may be possible subject to meeting department criteria.

Outstanding planned works from 2018 at Fairy Hill are just completed and will also be completed at Rynville, Ryecroft and Churchlands over the next few days. The contractor appointed to carry out repairs at Glenthorn and Ballywaltrim has yet to confirm when these will be carried out.

There is a total allocation of €200,000 for footpath repair and renewal. A full programme of footpath works is yet to be prepared but will focus primarily on trip hazards in estates progressing eastwards from the Killarney Road area.

A combined sum of €30,000 is allocated to local and regional road drainage works. It is proposed to use this for installing a drain at Loreto Avenue to service Kingsmill Lane.

Traffic Signals

The SCATTS signal coordination system managed by Dublin City Council has been unable to maintain a fixed offset green times between the traffic signal controllers at Main Street- Florence Road, Quinsborough Road and Seapoint Road junctions. As this is contributing to traffic delays, a contractor has been appointed to review and update the programmes on the controllers in an effort to resolve the problem.

The town hall traffic signal controller was disconnected from SCATTS before Christmas and its operation seems to have been more responsive to traffic demand since.

A faulty traffic signal controller at the pedestrian crossing at Killarney Road - Glenthorn was replaced and is working satisfactorily.

Roads Capital Works

The Seafront Pavilion, a public realm enhancement of the Strand Road Cycle Scheme at the aquarium, went on public display on the 29th November. The Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 public consultation recommends proceeding with the scheme with some amendments.

A proposed design for the Bray Transport Interchange at the Dart Station went on public display on the 6th December 2018. Submissions on the Part 8 public consultation showed that there are still stakeholder issues to be resolved. The Chief Executive's report is awaiting further meetings with the stakeholders and the NTA to resolve these issues.

The NTA have agreed to the resumption of the advancement of the Vevay Road and Killarney Road Cycle Schemes and options at the Convent Hill, Vevay Road are to be reviewed in the context of the boundary set back.

Members queries/questions

The Members queried why the SCATTS signal coordination system for traffic lights in Bray is being managed by Dublin City Council. They felt it would work better if managed locally. The District Engineer advised that it was managed by Dublin City Council as Wicklow County Council would not have the resources or expertise to manage such a system.

The Members highlighted a number of roads in the District that were in need of repair, these included Herbert Road, Richmond Park. They also asked if the yellow box at junction at Fitzpatrick's garage could be extended. The District Engineer advised that Herbert Road repairs were included in the three year programme of works. He also advised that he would look at the other issues raised.

6. To receive an update on the Florentine Centre

A number of reports on the Florentine Centre were circulated to the Members prior to the meeting which included the following

- A progress report from Glenbrier construction
- A report from Oakmount on options for access to Florence Road
- An update on Florentine Centre development from Bray Municipal District Manager

The Members were disappointed that the report back from Oakmount stated that it was not possible to make a provision to the plans for access to and from the shopping centre via Florence Road. The

Members felt that they had made many concessions to the developers since building works commenced and they felt more consideration should have been given to their request for changes. The Members highlighted the many positives they felt the Florentine centre would bring to the town and said they looked forward to the completion of the development.

7. Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (08/01/2019)

That Bray Municipal District Council pay attention and have maintained traffic ramps in the Bray Town Area (Re-painting be a priority).

Response:- *Repainting of traffic calming ramps has already been listed for attention in some areas of the Bray within the next few months. A wider review will take place to determine if additional ramps should be added to the list.*

Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (08/01/2019)

That Bray Municipal District Council pay attention and maintain the “Mulvey Way” and area (green space) behind Seapoint Court.

Response:- *The district has not got adequate staff or financial resources to schedule regular maintenance of this area. Discussions are taking place with the Bray Tidy Towns to provide assistance in this area.*

Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (08/01/2019)

That Bray Municipal District Council pay attention and maintain open area behind the old Courthouse including (looking after the flags).

Response:- *This area is maintained by Bray Municipal District.*

Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (08/01/2019)

That Bray Municipal District Council supports the provision of allotments at the Rockbrae (FCA Centre) on the Church Road and that efforts are made to ensure this development of this venture.

Response:- *These are state lands and are zoned for HD residential development with potential for 200 units close to the town centre.*

8. Reports and Recommendations

The Chief Fire Officer's report on the recent number of fires in Bray was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. The Members commended the work of Wicklow Fire Service in tackling the fires in such an efficient and professional manner.

They also highlighted the need for a full time Fire Service in Bray.

9. Correspondence

A letter was received from Mr. Shay Hiney, Transition Facilitator, National Learning Network requesting to make a presentation at the next Municipal District meeting. This request was agreed and a letter will be sent to Mr. Hiney inviting him to address the Municipal meeting scheduled for 5th March 2019.

A request was made by students from St Killian's school for bins to be put on schools road as part of a green initiative which the school is partaking in. The Members supported this request.

A letter was received from Mr. Paul Cunningham requesting to make a presentation to Bray Municipal District Members on mortgage to rent schemes. The Members did not agree to this request as Mr. Cunningham is due to make a presentation to the full council and they felt this would be duplication of presentations.

The Members requested that something be done to address the health and safety issues surrounding the problem of dog fouling and dogs off leads in Ballywaltrim Playing Fields and Ballywaltrim Park. They said that not all the allocated money has been received for works at Ballywaltrim.

The Members were advised that there are a number of user groups in Ballywaltrim and they are due to meet next week.

The Members requested an up to date report on funding for projects at Ballywaltrim.

10. A.O.B

There were no items to discuss at this time.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:
